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Division

11 Property damage

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Description

Property damage includes the intentional or reckless destruction, damage, or defacement of property. The property may be owned by a person, organisation, or group.

Where arson offences cannot be disaggregated from other property damage, code to 1100 Property damage, not further defined.

Subdivision

111 Arson

Description

Arson is the act of intentionally or recklessly causing damage to or destruction of property through use of fire or explosives.

Where bushfire arson offences cannot be disaggregated from property damage by fire or explosion, code to 1110 Arson, not further defined.

1111 Property damage by fire or explosion

This group includes intentional or reckless property damage by fire or explosion, excluding bushfire arson.

Where these offences cannot be disaggregated, code to 1110 Arson.

Inclusions:

- Attempted criminal damage by fire
- Blow up a letterbox or other property, excluding terrorist acts
- Intentionally start or fuel a fire that leads to property damage
- Set a house or other building on fire
- Use of explosives causing property damage
- Other offences relating to property damage by fire or explosion

Exclusions:

- Arson causing death – coded to the relevant group in 01 Homicide
- Bomb threats – coded to 0442 Threatening behaviour
- Fire safety regulatory offences – coded to 1629 Environmental management offences, nec
- Intentionally or recklessly start a bushfire or wildfire – coded to 1112 Bushfire arson
- Offences related to air pollution through fires or burning – coded to 1611 Air pollution offences
- Unlawful use of explosives, including fireworks and firecrackers, which does not cause property damage – coded to 1043 Misuse of regulated weapons or explosives
- Use of explosives as a terrorist act – coded to 1511 Terrorism offences

1112 Bushfire arson

Bushfire arson is the act of intentionally or recklessly starting a bushfire or wildfire.

Inclusions:

- Intentionally or recklessly maintain or fuel a bushfire or wildfire, or intentionally contribute to its spread
- Intentionally or recklessly start a bushfire or wildfire
- Other offences related to bushfire arson

Exclusions:

- Fire safety regulatory offences – coded to 1629 Environmental management offences, nec
- Throwing or dropping a lit cigarette or match without intent to start a fire – coded to the relevant group within 162 Environmental management offences

Subdivision

112 Damage or destroy property

Description

This subdivision includes any property damage or destruction that does not involve arson.

Where graffiti offences cannot be disaggregated from damaging or destroying property not elsewhere classified, code to 1120 Damage or destroy property, not further defined.

1121 Graffiti

Graffiti is defined as property damage caused by the application of substances on the surface of the property. This may include posters, paint, or other compounds.

Inclusions:

- Graffiti or deface a building, fence, sign, or other property
- Unlawfully attach posters, signs, or stickers on public or private property
- Other graffiti offences

Exclusions:

- Property damage using a knife or other sharp object – coded to 1129 Damage or destroy property, nec

1129 Damage or destroy property, nec

This group includes the intentional or reckless destruction of, or damage to property, except by graffiti, fire, or explosion, and where not elsewhere classified.

Damage or destruction means altering the property in any way so as to render it imperfect or inoperative.

Inclusions:

- Break windows without intent to enter
- Damage commercial goods, equipment, or infrastructure
- Damage to a vehicle, such as “keying” a car or slashing tyres
- Destroy or damage letters or parcels
- Industrial sabotage through property damage
- Intentionally damage a sacred site
- Throw objects to cause property damage
- Vandalism other than graffiti or arson
- Other property damage or destruction not elsewhere classified

Exclusions:

- Cause damage or harm to plants or wildlife – coded to 1622 Parks and wildlife offences
- Damage or destroy data – coded to 0842 Unlawful harm to a digital system
- Graffiti or deface building, fence, or other property – coded to 1121 Graffiti
- Possess an object with intent to destroy or damage property – coded to 1211 Criminal intent
- Property damage caused by fire or explosion – coded to 1111 Property damage by fire or explosion
- Unlawfully taking, opening, or reading someone else’s mail – coded to 0841 Privacy offences